

OLD ST. JO

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Another day passed and more deaths were announced. The processions to the little burying grounds beyond the city swamp, the fear of the city became frenzied. The powers of the negro gravediggers were taxed to the utmost to open sufficient graves for the off-recurring processions. The limited stock of coffins was exhausted. The carnival of death had opened most auspiciously. It had already eclipsed all other festivities. Checks were but the day before buried with youth and beauty now blanched with fear.

Then uncontrollable fear seized upon all. Business ceased. Ships stopped their anchors and stole away to the night. The air was stagnant and filled with pestilential vapors. Many sought safety through flight only to be stricken dead by the wayside. Soon the buried pestilence held undisputed sway throughout the city. Deaths were no longer counted. All day long was heard the rumble of the dead wagons upon the streets. Touches took the place of graves, and gulls loomed for coffins. Half-crazed men would rush to the surrounding woods for safety with heads buried in unexpressable pain and eyes forcing themselves from their sockets. Under some lifeless pine they would crouch their mad flight, hesitate, stagger, then the dark blood, the black vomit of death would come rushing through their parched lips, they would fall forward into this pool of deadened blood—and die. Great God! What a death.

City Was Doomed.

The heretofore prosperous city was doomed. The death angel had been undisputed sway, and as he passed from door to door he found no blood stained little as in the days of yore. None was spared. Families were broken up by flight only to be soon reunited in death. Men quickly loved, hatred, were placed in one common receptacle. How insignificant was man. His reason, humanity, charity, all had fled. Like the dumb brute of the woods or field he died uncared for and alone. In a very brief space of time the city was depopulated never again to be the habitation of man. The few who escaped, and the pure blooded African who is immune, remained for awhile to dispose of the property, often left without having beneficiaries. The famed city of St. Joseph was dead.

Two years had passed over the deserted city. Rank vegetation had taken the place of the choice shrubs and flowers of the erstwhile well kept grounds. Storms of wind and rain, joined with the heat of summer, had made sad havoc with the uncareful for whom, hostellers, stores and homes. Stately herons paraded the water front, in place of the busy watchman. Ravens croaked, and whirled above the vacant buildings. The mocking bird, the South's favored songster, alone remained to chant its melancholy requiem over the field of death.

The Storm.

Summer was passing away already the days were growing short, and the first cool breath from the far away north land heralded the approach of the impending struggle between the mighty wind forces of North and South. A week of calm had passed when as the sun rose, through the pine forest to the northeast there came brief gusts of wind, increasing in strength with the growth of the day.

Now did the wind go down with the dropping of the green sun into the darkened waters of the gulf. All through the night it roared and shrieked through the abandoned city, gaining power with each succeeding hour.

The few venturesome fishermen remaining there, who feared death

neither by pestilence or storm, anchored their boats in the ship yard cove, and watched the seething waters. For two days the northeast gale continued, steadily increasing in velocity. Then came a lull in the storm. The mountainous clouds which had been driving across the sky with terrific force seemed to stand still but only for a brief time. The wind was shifting. Slowly it veered from northeast to north, from north to northwest. Then to the west. There it stopped as though preparing for a last gigantic onset upon the quivering land. Soon it began again, now with all the titanic force and fury of the tropical hurricane. It broke the cables of the few boats in the cove, tossing them ashore like corked shells. Roofs went flying in the air and brick walls crumbled at the onslaught. Chaos reigned supreme.

Tidal Wave Finishes It.

Then from out of the west there came above the crash of falling wells and flying debris a sound that struck terror even to the hearts of those long accustomed to the angry moods of the Gulf. From San Blas to St. Jo point there arose such thundering reverberations from the mighty ponderous waves crashing upon the beaches as had never been heard before. They were the equal of a tidal wave but a continuing power far more destructive. They rushed unobstructed over the narrow barrier opposite the city, that separated the bay from the gulf and came roaring in at the wide entrance to the bay.

The waters quickly flooded the streets. Before one could note their advance they were crashing through the doors and windows of the vacant buildings. The low plain on which the city was built was now a raging, furious, tempestuous sea, the few taller buildings seeming but islands in it. And there was no cessation to the hurricane. Hour after hour it forced the waters of the gulf in gigantic waves over the site of the two doomed city crumbling to atoms brick buildings, undermining streets and carrying far inland with the furious sweep of the storm, brick and timbers that so short a time before formed the most stable structure in the city.

Remains in History Only.

Three score years have passed since the hurricane destroyed Old St. Jo, but even now a visit to the wilderness where at one time stood the city that came so near being the capital of Florida is not without interest. Other hurricanes have swept over these shores since the one made memorial by the destruction of the city, but they found no works of man upon which to wreak their vengeance. Here and there great clumps of the rugged Spanish bayonet stand guard over the foundation walls of some massive building, and beneath the waters along the beach may still be seen sections of the brick side walks of the old city, while the many bricks scattered through the young pine forest, even a mile back from the shore, attest the power of wrathful seas.

In the old road bed of the railroad are found a few ties and stringers so rich in resinous material that for 70 years they have defied the elements. At a near by turpentine still hangs suspended by wires, and used as a bell to call together the laborers, a steel

driving axle from the first locomotive that ever served up in this historical road. These relics, with a few round tombs in the burying ground, are all that remain of St. Joseph. The ambitious, strenuous man of that long ago reckoned not of the power or frequency of the tropical hurricanes that come creeping in from off the Gulf like a lion seeking its prey, but like the foolish man of Scripture history "built his house upon the sand; and the rain fell, and the winds blew and beat upon the house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Are Whiskers A Detriment?

Washington, April 28.—A joint debate, notable in the annals of the national capital, is to be held in the assembly room of the National Press Club on the evening of May 2. Senator John W. Kern of Indiana, former Speaker Cannon of Illinois, Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, spoken of as possible Ambassador to Germany, and Representative Oliver M. James of Kentucky, one of the Democratic leaders of the House are to be the participants.

President Taft has displayed the keenest interest in the meeting and Speaker Champ Clark is to be present in an advisory capacity. The debate, however, is to be non-partisan.

The question at issue is of world wide importance. This is it: "Resolved, That whiskers are a greater detriment to a man than a bald head."

The affirmative has been placed in the hands of Messrs. James and Longworth, who long ago lost interest in the price of a hair cut. The negative will be warmly upheld by Messrs. Kern and Cannon. The former wears a beard of the type of Justice Charles E. Hughes, while the latter has a Lincoln-like hirsute adornment. The debate is expected to draw an attendance from all parts of the country, as the membership of the National Press Club includes many of the prominent magazine and newspaper editors and writers of all sections.

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OLD CONFEDERATE SOLDIER IN JAIL.

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It is charged that this matter happened about three weeks ago, and late Sunday afternoon last, Mr. Haden was arrested by T. J. Tucker, constable of beat 15, and Monday morning carried before Justice W. J. Brown and tried and committed to jail.

Mr. Haden is an old Confederate soldier and is 51 years old.

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O'Neal Generous to Those Who Stood by Him in Fight.

Birmingham Ledger.

Governor O'Neal continues to reward the faithful members of his legislature who stood by him through thick and thin in his many hard battles.

At the present rate the governor is "dishing out pie" to legislators there will be almost an entirely new body of lawmakers when the extraordinary session is convened next year.

The governor led off in rewarding legislative friends by the appointment of J. Lee Long as chairman of the state tax commission.

W. J. Martin, of Jackson, another one of the faithful band, has been appointed state land agent.

Dr. R. L. Huddleston, of Elmore, who enjoyed the reputation of having never opposed the wishes of the administration in any fight has been appointed local physician of the convict prison at Spanglers.

Charles D. Martin, of Calhoun, who was as true as the trust, has been appointed back tax commissioner of Calhoun county.

The governor has been kind to the relatives of the legislators. Rev. Mr. Jenkins, son of Representative Jenkins, of Bullock county, has been appointed chaplain of the state convicts, one of the most sought after places in the gift of the governor.

Senator Sprague and Senator Atkins have been appointed on the state highways commission.

Senator Moulthrop has been appointed to a position on the governor's staff, while Senator Vaiden has been named as quartermaster general of the national guard.

The governor has appointed Judge Hugh D. Merrill, brother of Senator Merrill, judge of the Seventh judicial circuit.

Judge C. E. Thomas, son of Representative Thomas, of Chambers, has been appointed judge of probate of Autauga county.

Representative Lavender, another one of the leaders of the administration, has been appointed a member of the board of trustees for all the state normal schools in the state.

Representative Knight, of Hale county, has been appointed a member of the state board of agriculture, while Capt. E. W. Booker, a near kinsman, has been appointed judge of the Woodlawn inferior court.

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Barn Destroyed by Fire.

Tuesday night about 9 o'clock Mr. A. D. Donaldson's barn in West Elba was destroyed by fire. He succeeded in getting out his stock without injury, but some feed stuffs were burned.

Donaldson's damages are estimated to be \$250.00. There was no insurance. The origin of the fire is not known.

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Memorial Day Exercises.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a large crowd gathered at the Methodist Church where appropriate exercises were conducted by Rev. J. F. Feagin and Rev. D. P. Lee. The exercises were appropriately interspersed by patriotic songs well rendered by Elba's splendid choir.

Hon. M. S. Carmichael delivered a most able and interesting address, mentioning some of the causes leading up to the great struggle and relating many deeds of greatness and valor on the part of the confederate soldiers, both during the war and during the period of reconstruction.

After the address of Mr. Carmichael, Hon. T. J. Carlisle, of Enterprise, made a brief, but able and interesting speech. And then invited the old soldiers present, together with others, to attend the memorial exercises to be held on Friday, the 28th, at Enterprise, stating that the change was made from Wednesday to Friday on account of the school at Enterprise.

We did not obtain the names of all of the veterans who attended the exercises, but following is a list which we have obtained:

W. H. Donaldson, Co. K, 25th Ala. Regt.; W. M. Parker, Co. K, 25th Ala. Regt.; E. D. Lee, Co. K, 38th Ala. Regt.; N. O. Hutchison, Co. A, 15th Ala. Regt.; T. J. Carlisle, Co. B, 37th Ala. Regt.; H. V. Atkinson, Co. B, 25th Ala. Regt.; J. R. Spurlin, Co. A, 38th Ala. Regt.; J. A. Taylor, Co. K, 5th Ala. Regt.; and P. J. Ham.

Basen Singing Society.

The Basen singing society met on the fourth Sunday in April and organized for the year.

Mr. A. J. Parker acted as temporary chairman and called the house to order by singing one song. He was followed by W. C. Dubose who sang four songs.

After a recess of ten minutes the house was again called to order by A. J. Parker singing one song. The society then went into permanent organization and elected the following officers:

W. C. Dubose, chairman, Steve Young, vice-chairman, C. L. Holloway, secretary, Anderson Moore and Luther Thomas, arranging committee.

After organization we had four lessons of 15 minutes each by Leash Meek, W. N. Farris, P. M. Farris, C. L. Holloway. Closed with song by chairman.

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